



Town of Rockport
Annual Town Meeting
April 2, 2022

Rockport High School Gymnasium

Registered Voters: 5,952

Attendance: 323

Commenced: 9:12am

Dissolved: 1:45 pm

THE TOWN MODERATOR, ROBERT VISNICK, Welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

Opened with the National Anthem followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for those who passed as a result of the pandemic, for those who suffered and died as a

result of the actions in Ukraine and for those who served the Town of Rockport and passed away in 2021.

THE TOWN CLERK, PATRICIA BROWN, read the names of those who passed.

Russell E. Daley, Frederick Frithsen, Kenneth Hinckley, Barbara Jorgensen, Barbara Parody,

Esther Perkins, David Perry, Russell Sandfield, Pierce J. Sears, Janice Turner and James Waddell.

The Moderator mentioned the passing of Angela O'Connor who was a former Selectmen in Rockport.

REVEREND, DEREK VAN GULDEN, of the First Congregational Church in Rockport delivered the invocation.

SHARON CHASE, POET LAUREATE, read a poem dedicated to The Department of Public Works, a counter melody to William Carlos Williams.

Moderator welcomed and introduced State Senator Bruce Tarr and State Representative Ann Margaret Ferrante.

BRUCE TARR, STATE SENATOR: Recognized and thanked Town Clerk, Patricia Brown for her outstanding public service to the Rockport community and was awarded an official Citation signed by State President, Karen Spilka and attested to by Clerk of the State, Michael Hurley.

ANN MARGARET FERRANTE, STATE REPRESENTATIVE: Presented a second official Citation to Town Clerk, Patricia Brown Offered by all of the members in the House of Representatives and signed by Speaker, Ronald Mariano and also by State Representative, Ann Margaret Ferrante herself.

SARAH WILKINSON, from the Board of Selectmen presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Town Clerk Patricia Brown, highlighting all of her exceptional accomplishments in appreciation of her 22 years of service to the Town of Rockport.

Patricia Brown, Town Clerk gratefully thanked everyone for the awards and honors.

BRUCE TARR, STATE SENATOR: Introduced, recognized and presented Robert Liebow, Rockport's Public Schools Superintendent with an official Citation signed by State President, Karen Spilka and attested to by Clerk of the State, Michael Hurley. In honor of his 10 years of dedicated and committed service to the Rockport Public Schools and the Town of Rockport.

ANN MARGARET FERRANTE, STATE REPRESENTATIVE: Praised and presented a second official Citation to Robert Liebow, Rockport's Public Schools Superintendent. Offered by all of the members in the House of Representatives and signed by Speaker, Ronald Mariano and also by State Representative, Ann Margaret Ferrante herself.

DONALD CAMPBELL, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Robert Liebow, Highlighting all of his exceptional accomplishments in honor of his 10 years of dedicated and committed service to the Rockport Public Schools and the Town of Rockport.

ROBERT LIEBOW, ROCKPORT'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT: Humbly thanked everyone.

The Town Moderator made a motion to omit the reading of the articles in the warrant, which was moved and seconded.

Patricia Brown Town Clerk read the officer's return on the warrant.

The moderator explained the laws of town meeting and what is to be expected. He explained how to use the voting clickers.

Articles were introduced, the following articles are related, and all Roman numeral articles will go first. 1-6 go in order. All the report articles go together A, G and K are reports and L relates to the report in one of the other articles. Then C, D and E.

ARTICLES: Fiscal Year 2022

ARTICLE. I

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds sums of money to be expended by various Town Departments to balance the FY22 budget; or act on anything relative thereto. (Town Accountant) (Requires majority vote)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Selectman vice chair Ross Brackett moves article Roman numeral 1 as indicated in the motion printed on page 21 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO	REASON
\$50,000.	Free Cash	Snow & Ice Labor	Snow & Ice Deficit
\$1,650.	HR Operating Expense	Fire Training	Costs for required CPR classes for Fire and Forest Fire Depts.
\$8,000.	Essex Tech Assessment	Town Clerk Communication Equipment Rental	Town Meetings Audio Contracted Services
\$22,500.	Health Insurance	DPW Transfer Station Other Purchased Services	Household Hazardous Waste Costs
\$20,000.	Health Insurance	DPW Public Works Supplies	PAYT Bag Purchase

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. II

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the SPED Stabilization fund to the School Department to pay for Special Education obligations; or act on anything relative thereto. (School Committee) (Requires 2/3 vote)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Finance Committee Vice. Chair Carl Engel moves Article Roman numeral 2 as indicated in the motion printed on page 22 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen support this motion.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and **the motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. III

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, including Free Cash, a sum of money to fund otherwise unanticipated costs of coping with the COVID-19 pandemic; including personnel costs and all other expenses; or act on anything relative thereto. (*Board of Selectmen*) (*Requires majority vote*)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Selectman Hermann Lilja moves Article Roman numeral 3 is indicated on the motion printed on page. 2022 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLES: Fiscal Year 2023

ARTICLE. 1

To choose an agent for the various trust funds of the Town and to choose all other necessary Town Officers in such a manner as the Town may direct; or act on anything relative thereto. (*Board of Selectmen*) (*Requires majority vote*)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Selectman Paul Murphy moves article one as indicated in the motion printed on page 23 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay unpaid bills and/or payroll of previous years; or act on anything relative thereto. (*Town Accountant*) (*Requires 4/5 vote*)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Selectman Paul Murphy moves article two as indicated in the motion printed on page 23 of the April. 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

Department	Amount	Vendor	Account	Description
Planning Board	\$73.89	Staples	Planning Board Office Supplies	Printer Toner

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. 3

To see if the Town will vote to rescind any one or more of the authorizations previously given to borrow funds for municipal purposes, excluding always, any and all authorizations that have been executed by a borrowing; or act on anything relative thereto. (Town Treasurer) (Requires majority vote)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator we have no motion for article Three.

ACTION: There was **no motion.**

ARTICLE. 4

To see if the Town will vote to amend or revise certain compensation schedules as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and on file in the Town Clerk's Office, which are incorporated herein by reference, namely:

A. Compensation Schedules A, B, D and H for salaried employees; and

B. Compensation Schedule C for elected officials; or act on anything relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen) (Requires majority vote)

1st MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, motion one, Selectmen Sarah. Wilkinson moves article 4 first motion as indicated in the motion printed on page 24 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

2nd MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Selectmen Sarah Wilkinson moves article 4, second motion, as indicated in the motion printed on page 24 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, sums of money for any or all Town expenses and purposes, including, without limiting the foregoing, debt and interest, out-of-state travel, wages and salaries, operation of the Town's departments and offices, and provide for a reserve fund, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, inclusive; or act on anything relative thereto. (*Finance Committee*) (*Requires majority vote*)

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$34,150,092 for all items under column 4 of the Table of Estimates under Article 5 on pages 26 through 35 in the April 2, 2022 Town Meeting Voters Booklet, General Fund, as modified by Town Meeting's amendments to the previously held budget items, all for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, inclusive, and, as funding therefore, raise from taxation the sum of \$32,595,990 and transfer the following sums from the designated accounts for the purposes specified, namely,

\$190,500 from Ambulance Reserve to 231 Ambulance
 \$153,608 from Parking Meter Fund to 212 Traffic and Parking
 \$ 21,200 from Parking Meter Fund to 293 Parking Clerk
 \$137,433 from Waterways Improvement Fund to 295 Harbormasters
 \$ 89,992 from CPA Fund to 700 Debt and Interest
 \$506,722 from Water Enterprise Fund to Shared Costs
 \$454,647 from Sewer Enterprise Fund to Shared Costs

and further, to allow funds from the Labor Reserve account to be applied to the appropriate salary, wage, and FICA accounts, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such amounts;

and further, that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee are authorized to execute goods and services contracts in excess of three years but not to exceed six years pursuant to G.L. c. 30B sec. 12 when they determine that it is in the best interests of the Town.

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Finance Committee Chair Dwight Valentine moves Article 5 as indicated in the motion printed on page. 25 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

ARTICLE 5 - TABLE OF ESTIMATES

<i>Column 1</i>		<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
Dept #	Department/Description	FY21 Actuals	FY22 TM Budget	FY23 FinCom Recommended Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
114	MODERATOR			
	Stipend	128	128	128
	Operating Expenses	20	109	109
Total		148	237	237

122	SELECTMEN			
	Five Selectperson Stipends	0	0	0
	Town Administrator	151,554	159,787	159,787
	Office Manager	47,298	47,778	47,778
	Finance Director	20,910	21,328	21,328
	Grants & Special Projects Manager	0	0	80,000
	Meeting Support Clerk	6,260	12,647	42,647
	Operating Expense	37,598	174,748	146,747
	Audit Services	32,500	35,000	35,000
	Total	306,620	451,288	533,287
124	SELECTMEN COMMITTEES			
	Historical & Historic District Commission Expenses	0	2,400	2,400
	Town Art Committee	0	2,000	2,000
	Millbrook Meadow Committee	2,490	2,500	2,500
	Rights of Way Committee	2,756	3,302	7,500
	Beautification Committee	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Total	7,246	12,202	16,400
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
	Clerical Support	0	2,500	2,500
	Operating Expense	2,500	2,810	2,810
	Reserve Fund	0	270,000	325,000
	Total	2,500	275,310	330,310
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT			
	Town Accountant	0	10,000	10,000
	Town Accountant Staff	105,118	119,080	109,012
	Operating Expense	100,777	169,167	144,884
	Total	205,895	298,247	263,896
141	ASSESSORS			
	Assessors Stipends	3,300	3,300	3,300
	Principal Assessor	91,508	70,870	70,870
	Assessor Clerk	1,589	22,519	31,124
	Operating Expenses	853	4,753	4,753
	Outside Services	2,698	3,860	3,860
	Total	99,948	105,302	113,907
147	TREASURER/TOWN COLLECTOR			
	Town Treasurer/Collector	81,406	83,014	83,014
	Assistant Treasurer/Collector	56,520	57,650	57,650
	Other Salaries/Wages	88,226	89,777	89,777
	Operating Expenses	35,109	45,024	46,112
	Outside Services	24,238	28,000	28,000
	Tax Title Expenses	2,111	15,501	14,500
	Total	287,610	318,966	319,053

151	LEGAL - Fees & Expenses	152,420	282,921	282,921
153	HUMAN RESOURCES			
	Other Labor	266	2,000	2,000
	Merit Pay Pool	41,018	42,000	42,000
	Labor Reserve	93,611	114,972	230,000
	Human Resources Director Assessment	46,091	60,000	60,000
	Operating Expense	9,865	22,000	22,000
	Total	190,851	240,972	356,000
154	INFORMATION SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGY			
	Director Salary	102,496	104,546	104,546
	IS&T Salaries & Wages	167,635	179,318	224,921
	Emergency Comm Sys Utilities & Maintenance	4,112	8,780	27,598
	Telephone	41,516	45,580	46,492
	Copiers & other hardware	41,928	44,068	51,245
	Classroom Hardware	53,977	49,754	50,330
	Networking Services	39,733	42,884	42,840
	Software Licenses & On-line services	135,531	128,557	211,597
	Other Operating Expense	52,746	61,699	83,433
	Total	639,674	665,186	843,002
158	TAX POSSESSED LAND	0	2,100	2,100
161	TOWN CLERK			
	Town Clerk	80,981	82,581	82,581
	Assistant Clerk	54,060	55,141	55,141
	Operating Expense	7,974	8,224	8,224
	Total	143,015	145,946	145,946
164	ELECTIONS			
	Stipends & Election Officer Wages	18,552	18,922	18,922
	Operating Expense	11,196	12,933	12,933
	Total	29,748	31,855	31,855
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
	Conservation Agent	44,146	65,280	65,280
	Clerical, Part Time	8,384	11,243	11,243
	Operating Expense	778	1,806	1,806
	Total	53,308	78,329	78,329
175	PLANNING BOARD			
	Clerical, Part Time	21,543	21,975	21,975
	Planning Consultant	99	20,000	40,000
	Operating Expense	307	2,272	2,272
	Total	21,949	44,247	64,247

176	ZONING BOARD			
	Clerical, Part Time	15,035	15,335	15,335
	Operating Expense	286	705	705
	Legal Notices - Zoning	5,141	5,440	5,440
	Total	20,462	21,480	21,480

181	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
	Police Details for Events	0	10,636	10,636
	Promotion and Advertising	7,491	0	0
	Special Projects	638	2,000	2,000
	Band Concerts	0	2,000	2,000
	Program Expenses	22,282	31,400	31,400
	Total	30,411	46,036	46,036

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUMMARY				
	Salaries, Wages & Stipends	1,301,544	1,424,327	1,693,495
	Operating Expense	879,761	1,596,297	1,755,511
	ATM Authorization	2,181,305	3,020,624	3,449,006
	Pensions & Benefits (Incl in 900)	627,043	645,884	699,281
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,808,348	3,666,508	4,148,287

PUBLIC SAFETY				
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210	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	Police Chief	148,582	156,654	161,654
	Police Lieutenant Salary	111,224	117,999	121,540
	Police Sergeants, incl Shift Diff	269,735	310,068	384,871
	Police Officers, incl OT, Court Time and Shift Diff	894,085	1,175,202	1,236,340
	Civilian Dispatchers	82,789	91,872	208,794
	Other Staff Salaries & Wages	100,230	101,444	101,444
	Personnel Expenses-Uniforms, Training, Travel	69,118	67,630	62,160
	Vehicle Expense-Fuel, Maintenance	23,504	34,615	34,615
	Facilities Expense	30,861	32,966	32,966
	Equipment Maintenance-Radio, Computer	36,689	32,230	35,060
	Telephone	10,954	10,000	10,000
	Other Operating Expense	42,528	40,024	30,144
	Total	1,820,299	2,270,704	2,419,588

212	TRAFFIC & PARKING			
	Sergeant Stipend	20,400	20,808	20,808
	Parking Meter Attendants	18,530	55,563	49,406
	Trolley Services per Contract	0	24,291	24,291
	Operating Expense	62,670	67,470	59,103
	Total	101,600	168,132	153,608

215	LIFEGUARDS			
	Lifeguards (Seasonal)	57,283	80,914	80,914
	Operating Expense	6,697	5,807	5,807

	Total	63,980	86,721	86,721
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT			
	Fire Inspector/Chief	52,231	41,803	41,803
	Firefighter Stipends	78,941	106,571	106,571
	PT, Seasonal & Special Labor	3,984	3,325	3,325
	In-Service Training	3,006	17,275	17,275
	Vehicle Expense-Fuel, Maintenance, Equipment	12,262	21,309	21,309
	Facilities Expense-Heating, Electrical	20,464	26,889	26,889
	Other Operating Expense	23,890	34,782	34,782
	Total	194,778	251,954	251,954
225	FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT			
	Forest Fire Warden Stipend	3,570	3,641	3,641
	Deputy Stipends	4,949	5,098	5,098
	Firefighter Stipends	17,107	19,944	19,944
	Labor, Part Time	1,342	1,369	1,369
	Operating Expense	3,692	4,170	4,170
	Total	30,660	34,222	34,222
231	AMBULANCE			
	Department Head	9,308	9,494	9,500
	Direct Labor (Stipend)	58,319	49,265	49,265
	PT Labor & EMT per call Wages	48,846	77,661	77,661
	Personnel Expense-Training, Dues	5,204	15,115	17,219
	Vehicle Expense-Maintenance, Fuel	11,667	13,646	14,833
	Outside Services-Billing, Medical	11,025	18,133	33,133
	Other Operating Expense	9,072	9,572	9,472
	Total	153,441	192,886	211,083
241	INSPECTION SERVICES			
	Building Inspector Salary	81,291	82,855	82,855
	Part-time Labor	46,926	47,755	47,755
	Operating Expense	1,652	2,335	2,335
	Total	129,869	132,945	132,945
249	ANIMAL INSPECTOR			
	Animal Inspector Stipend	3,959	4,058	4,058
	Operating Expense	0	383	383
	Total	3,959	4,441	4,441
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
	Director's / Deputy's Stipends	5,600	5,712	5,712
	Operating Expense	1,050	1,051	6,051
	Total	6,650	6,763	11,763
292	DOG CONTROL			
	Dog Officer Salary	15,225	15,606	15,606

	Assistant Animal Control Officer	0	1,500	1,500
	Operating Expense	1,507	3,446	3,446
	Total	16,732	20,552	20,552
293	PARKING CLERK			
	Operating Expense	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Admin & Collection Services	10,622	18,200	18,200
	Total	13,622	21,200	21,200
295	HARBORMASTERS/SHELLFISH			
	Harbormasters	48,198	49,162	49,162
	Assistant Harbormasters	4,272	4,357	4,357
	Assistant Shellfish Officer & Warden	3,865	3,944	3,944
	Seasonal, Part-Time	10,609	10,650	10,650
	Equipment Maintenance-Radios	0	572	572
	Boat Maintenance	14,296	5,917	4,100
	Float, Ramp Repair/Replacement	19,455	35,400	35,400
	Office & Other Operating Expense	17,619	26,931	29,248
	Total	118,314	136,933	137,433
297	HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE			
	Support Clerk	60	500	500
	Expenses	0	0	0
	Total	60	500	500

PUBLIC SAFETY SUMMARY				
	Salaries, Wages & Stipends	2,204,466	2,672,069	2,927,322
	Operating Expense	449,498	555,884	558,688
	ATM Authorization	2,653,964	3,227,953	3,486,010
	Pensions & Benefits (Incl in 900)	957,618	1,090,877	1,135,137
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	3,611,582	4,318,830	4,621,147

400	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
	ADMINISTRATION			
	Stipends, Salaries & Wages	161,543	202,767	256,305
	Office Expenses	44,534	45,968	52,131
	Total	206,077	248,735	308,436
	PUBLIC PROPERTY (incl parks & seasonal)			
	Wages, Regular & OT	315,604	381,111	414,030
	Operating Expense	200,177	213,657	236,444
	Total	515,781	594,768	650,474
	HIGHWAY, GENERAL			
	Wages, Regular	381,475	425,977	502,670
	Wages, OT	3,320	5,474	5,639
	Highway Expense	127,228	141,250	164,615

Garage Expense	98,229	120,593	142,169
Total	610,252	693,294	815,093
HIGHWAY, SNOW & ICE			
Wages, Regular	0	0	0
Wages, OT	50,546	70,306	70,306
Operating Expense	100,611	82,284	92,727
Total	151,157	152,590	163,033
TRANSFER STATION			
Wages, Regular & OT	174,020	201,043	218,698
Operating Expense, mostly haulage	394,936	428,326	428,892
Total	568,956	629,369	647,590
CEMETERY			
Wages, Regular & OT	120,992	152,874	164,557
Operating Expense	5,158	7,878	7,878
Total	126,150	160,752	172,435

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUMMARY			
Salaries, Wages & Stipends	1,207,500	1,439,552	1,632,205
Operating Expense	970,873	1,039,956	1,124,856
ATM Authorization	2,178,373	2,479,508	2,757,061
<i>Pensions & Benefits (Incl in 900)</i>	<i>570,389</i>	<i>647,759</i>	<i>727,444</i>
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	2,748,762	3,127,267	3,484,505

500	HEALTH & WELFARE			
510	BOARD OF HEALTH			
	Board Members Stipends	720	900	900
	Health Agent Salary	38,317	40,208	40,208
	PT Admin Assistant	18,467	24,530	24,530
	FOG Coordinator Stipend	0	3,515	3,515
	PT Public Health Nurse	1,250	15,000	15,000
	Operating Expense	13,715	26,272	26,272
	Total	72,469	110,425	110,425
541	COUNCIL ON AGING			
	Director	47,230	48,175	48,175
	Clerical Part Time	2,607	2,663	2,663
	Operating Expense	7,190	16,120	16,120
	Total	57,027	66,958	66,958
543	VETERANS SERVICES			
	Veterans Agent Stipend	0	0	0
	Operating Expense	4,203	16,576	16,576
	Veterans Allowances	15,000	15,500	15,500
	Total	19,203	32,076	32,076

HEALTH & WELFARE SUMMARY				
	Salaries, Wages & Stipends	108,591	134,991	134,991
	Operating Expense	40,108	74,468	74,468
	ATM Authorization	148,699	209,459	209,459
	<i>Pensions & Benefits (Incl in 900)</i>	<i>78,958</i>	<i>77,079</i>	<i>84,600</i>
	TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE	227,657	286,538	294,059

600 CULTURE & RECREATION

610	LIBRARY			
	Department Head	78,420	79,988	96,900
	Other Direct Labor	269,986	430,136	435,388
	Operating Expense	25,003	41,331	40,972
	Library Materials (19%)	127,257	140,243	144,000
	Contractual	48,323	47,991	40,634
	Total	548,989	739,689	757,894

630	RECREATION			
	Recreation Director (incl seasonal labor)	0	2,500	2,500
	Clerical Part-time	0	1,000	0
	Operating Expense	0	5,411	5,411
	Total	0	8,911	7,911

635	GRANITE PIER			
	Seasonal Labor	14,151	14,435	14,435
	Operating Expense	7,608	7,997	7,997
	Total	21,759	22,432	22,432

638-9	THACHER & STRAITSMOUTH ISLAND			
	Direct Labor	6,003	12,000	15,000
	Other Operating Expense	4,993	11,100	11,100
	Total	10,996	23,100	26,100

692	MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE	1,111	2,608	2,608
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CULTURE & RECREATION SUMMARY				
	Labor	368,560	540,059	564,223
	Operating Expenses	214,295	256,681	252,722
	ATM Authorization	582,855	796,740	816,945
	<i>Pensions & Benefits (Incl in 900)</i>	<i>193,619</i>	<i>188,596</i>	<i>206,512</i>
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATIONAL	776,474	985,336	1,023,457

700 DEBT AND INTEREST

	Maturing Debt Principal	930,000	957,470	872,600
	Maturing Debt Interest	187,250	166,173	143,309
	Temporary Debt Principal	143,120	14,906	80,000
	Temporary Debt Interest	12,191	8,552	48,000

	TOTAL DEBT AND INTEREST	1,272,561	1,147,101	1,143,909
900	OTHER			
911	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	1,889,679	2,068,275	2,222,216
912	NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSION	0	0	0
913	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	0	50,000	50,000
914	GROUP INSURANCE			
	Health	4,447,529	4,975,920	5,085,631
	Life	10,626	13,000	13,000
	Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)	125,000	125,000	125,000
916	FICA/MEDICARE	231,517	269,295	273,082
917	SICK LEAVE / BUY-BACK	71,300	81,300	81,300
940	INSURANCE EXPENSE	490,295	516,000	516,000
943	SPED STABILIZATION FUND	86,571	67,335	18,655
	TOTAL OTHER	7,352,517	8,166,125	8,384,884

ARTICLE 5 TOWN DEPARTMENT SUMMARY				
	Salaries, Wages & Stipends	5,190,661	6,210,998	6,952,236
	Operating Expenses	2,554,535	3,523,286	3,766,245
	Pension & Benefits (Incl in 900)	3,182,468	3,309,130	3,539,057
	Debt Service (Incl in 700)	1,051,013	975,722	996,154
	TOTAL ARTICLE 5 BEFORE SCHOOLS	11,978,677	14,019,136	15,253,692
PUBLIC EDUCATION - TOWN CONTRIBUTION				
300	Base Funding from Town - ATM APPROPRIATION	12,604,831	13,306,491	13,612,540
305	Essex Tech. High School-ATM APPROPRIATION	411,090	375,000	290,278
	Pensions & Benefits (Incl in 900)	4,050,950	4,273,660	4,311,173
	Debt Service (Incl in 700)	191,600	171,379	147,755
	TOTAL PUBLIC EDUCATION	17,258,471	18,126,530	18,361,746
	GRAND TOTAL ARTICLE 5	29,814,014	32,729,001	34,150,092

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

Moderator explained that Article 5 is on the main budget and if anyone wanted to challenge or discuss the finance committee recommendations they should call out hold to discuss.

Dwight Valentine, chairman of the finance committee introduced and explained Article 5.

The moderator read aloud the list and the following holds were called. Selectmen 122 HOLD Finance Committee 131 HOLD Information Systems And Technology 154 HOLD Conservation Commission 171 HOLD Planning Board 175 HOLD Public Education Town Contribution 300 HOLD.

TOBY ARSENIAN: 95 Granite Street. Asked how many grants were applied for and how many we got and who voted for them under the Selectman section Grants & Special Projects Manager.

The Town Administrator responded and explained.

Ann- Patrice Hickey, 11 Eden road asked who gets to spend this money and when are we going to know how we can spend it.

The Town Administrator responded final determination on spending of the funds would be by the Board of Selectmen which would take place in a public posted meeting through their regular agenda process.

Dwight valentine responded.

Ann- Patrice Hickey, 11 Eden road. Suggested funds be used to form an IT committee.

Ann- Patrice Hickey, 11 Eden road. Propose that the Conservation Commission discontinue zoom meetings or if they have to continue to have zoom meetings have some other way for the committee members and for the public to see the dense information.

Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street. Talked about the need to get rid of the metropolitan area planning council and get a full-time planner.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: replied funding dedicated for a planning consultant is not automatically for MAPC. The planning board will select who it determines to be an appropriate consultant and it will be made through the next budget process.

Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street Asked to call a vote to see if people want the town to recover the total costs for the loss on the parking meters and the DPW's expenses.

Herm Lilja Board of Selectmen is in favor of outdoor dining.

JUNE MICHAELS 22 landmark lane. Asked if any part of the cost incurred by the DPW or the loss of parking revenue been covered by state or federal Covid relief.

NATHAN IVES 19R Norwood Avenue. In favor of outdoor dining whatever the cost is for parking loss.

Zenas Seppala 92, Granite Street. Not in favor of the town having to recover the funds.

Moderator: Vote yes to ask the Board of Selectmen to recover all funds lost or incurred by the DPW and others as a result of setting aside parking spaces for restaurants. There was a vote and the Motion failed 71 to 168.

FRANCIS FLEMING, 12 Pleasant Street. Asked someone to explain what the \$81,000 for life guards will be spent on.

John Horvath, Chief of Police. It is for an increase in salary cost to attract candidates for safety and security on our beaches.

TOBY ARSENIAN: 95 Granite Street. Asked the school committee to write a resolution to government officials asking them to pay all of the special education expenses.

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was much discussion and the **motion carried 235 in favor and 20 opposed by electronic vote.**

ARTICLE. 5A

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, sums of money for any and all Town expenses and purposes including, without limiting the foregoing, debt and interest, out-of-state travel, wages and salaries, operation of the Town's Water Enterprise and provide for a reserve fund, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, inclusive; or act on anything relative thereto. (*Finance Committee*) (*Requires majority vote*)

I move that the Town appropriate from Water Enterprise Fund revenues the sum of \$2,105,969 for all items under column 4 of the Table of Estimates under Article 5A on page 36 in the April 2, 2022 Town Meeting Voters Booklet, Water Enterprise for the operation of the Town's Water Enterprise, and provide for a reserve fund if necessary, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, inclusive, and further, to allow funds from the Water Enterprise Labor Reserve account to be applied to the appropriate salary, wage, and FICA accounts, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such amounts.

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Finance Committee Chair Dwight Valentine moves Article 5A as indicated in the motion printed on page 35 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

ARTICLE 5A: TABLE OF ESTIMATES

<i>Column 1</i>		<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
Dept #	Department/Description	FY21 Actuals	FY22 TM Budget	FY23 FinCom Recommended Budget
WATER ENTERPRISE				
	Administration	120,396	128,564	134,267
	Direct Labor	550,864	600,365	629,829
	Overtime	18,550	18,000	20,500
	Fuel, Light and Power	114,737	187,994	156,822
	Operating Expenses	293,539	304,319	326,889
	Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Debt Service	164,171	240,715	280,940
	Shared Employee Wages	84,649	87,570	86,795
	Shared Employee Pension & Benefits	15,511	16,585	16,953
	Direct Pension & Benefits	315,276	338,890	349,680
	Building/Liability Insurance	51,318	53,304	53,294
ARTICLE 5A SUMMARY				
	Labor	689,810	746,929	784,596
	Energy	114,737	187,994	156,822
	Operating Expenses	343,539	354,319	376,889

Debt Service	164,171	240,715	280,940
Reimbursement for Services Authorized in General Fund	466,754	496,349	506,722
TOTAL ARTICLE 5A	1,779,011	2,026,306	2,105,969

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. 5B

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, sums of money for any and all Town expenses and purposes including, without limiting the foregoing, debt and interest, out-of-state travel, wages and salaries, operation of the Town's Sewer Enterprise and provide for a reserve fund, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, inclusive; or act on anything relative thereto. (*Finance Committee*) (*Requires majority vote*)

I move that the Town appropriate from Sewer Enterprise Fund revenues the sum of \$2,127,179 for all items under column 4 of the Table of Estimates under Article 5B on pages 37 and 38 in the April 2, 2022 Town Meeting Voters Booklet, Sewer Enterprise for operation of the Town's Sewer Enterprise, and provide for a reserve fund if necessary, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, inclusive, and further, to allow funds from the Sewer Labor Reserve account to be applied to the appropriate salary, wage, and FICA accounts, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such amounts.

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Finance Committee Chair Dwight Valentine moves Article 5B as indicated in the motion printed on page 37 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

ARTICLE 5B: TABLE OF ESTIMATES

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
			FY23 FinCom
Department/Description	FY21 Actuals	FY22 TM Budget	Recommended Budget
SEWER ENTERPRISE			
Administration	124,712	128,564	134,267
Direct Labor	537,892	571,733	605,038
Overtime	13,898	17,162	15,500
Fuel, Light and Power	173,127	259,746	208,621
Operating Expenses	253,289	324,904	324,904
Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000	50,000
Debt Service	277,338	344,438	334,202

Shared Employee Wages	69,970	72,028	70,781
Shared Employee Pension & Benefits	13,068	13,974	14,258
Direct Pension & Benefits	317,990	325,519	336,403
Building/Liability Insurance	31,975	33,205	33,205

ARTICLE 5B SUMMARY

Labor	676,502	717,459	754,805
Energy	173,127	259,746	208,621
Operating Expenses	303,289	374,904	374,904
Debt Service	277,338	344,438	334,202
Reimbursement for Services Authorized in General Fund	433,003	444,726	454,647
TOTAL ARTICLE 5B	1,863,259	2,141,273	2,127,179

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. 5C

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the FY2023 Estimated Annual Revenue of the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money for any and all necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, inclusive; or act on anything relative thereto. (Finance Committee) (Requires majority vote)

I move that the Town appropriate and transfer from the FY2022 Estimated Annual Revenue of the Community Preservation Fund the sum of \$120,092 for any and all necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for all items under column 4 of the Table of Estimates under Article 5C as shown on page 39 of the April 2, 2022 Town Meeting Voters Booklet, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, inclusive.

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Finance Committee Chair Dwight Valentine moves Article 5C as indicated in the motion printed on page 38 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

ARTICLE 5C: TABLE OF ESTIMATES

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
	FY21	FY22 TM	FY23 FinCom
Department/Description	Actuals	Budget	Recommended
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION			

CPA Meeting Support Clerk	559	1,000	1,000
CPA Administrative Expenses	22,725	29,100	29,100
Debt Service	195,483	101,063	89,992

ARTICLE 5C SUMMARY			
Labor	559	1,000	1,000
Energy	0	0	
Operating Expenses	22,725	29,100	29,100
Reimbursement for Debt Service in the General Fund	195,483	101,063	89,992
TOTAL ARTICLE 5C	218,767	131,163	120,092

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street. Spoke.

Denise Donnelly, 72 Pigeon Hill Street. Talked about how she is trying to establish what's called a community land trust for affordable housing.

Sarah Wilkinson, Board of Selectmen. Working on the affordable housing project.

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was some discussion and the **motion carried by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. 6

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for Capital Outlay Items, such sums of money as set forth in the schedule prepared by the Finance Committee, or any other sum or sums, a copy of which schedule is on file with the Town Clerk and incorporated herein by reference, and to determine whether such sums will be raised by fees, taxation, transferred from available funds, provided by borrowing, or by any combination of the foregoing; or act on anything relative thereto. (Finance Committee) (Requires 2/3 vote if funded with borrowing or through stabilization)

I move that the Town appropriate \$1,999,000 for the items printed on page 40 in the April 2, 2022 Town Meeting Voters Booklet as shown in column 2 and to meet this appropriation, to transfer the following amounts: \$1,439,000 from Free Cash (column 3), \$110,000 from the Parking Meter Reserve, \$450,000 from borrowing (Column 4); and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects and purchases. (Requires 2/3 vote)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Capital Improvement Planning Committee Chair Ross Brackett moves Article 6 as indicated in the motion printed on page 40 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

ARTICLE 6 EXHIBIT - CAPITAL OUTLAY LIST
Recommended for FY23 Budget

General Fund			Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Dept #	Department	FY23 Requests	FY23 Recommended	Free Cash	Debt	Transfers
154	IS&T	IT/Technology Capital	175,000	175,000		
210	Police	Police Cruiser & Special Svcs Vehicle Replacements	110,000			110,000
220	Fire	Fire Rescue Equipment/Jaws of Life	37,000	37,000		
220	Fire	Fire Turnout Gear	142,000	142,000		
220	Fire	Fire SCBA/Breathing Apparatus Replacement	278,000	278,000		
220/231	Fire/Amb	Central Fire & Ambulance Security Upgrades	52,000	52,000		
295	Harbor	North Basin Gangway Replacement	20,000	20,000		
300	School	Elementary Gym Floor Replacement	75,000	75,000		
300	School	Auditorium Lighting Upgrades	75,000	75,000		
400	DPW	Streetlight Conversion to LEDs	24,000	24,000		
400	DPW	Master Roadway Improvements	200,000	200,000		
400	DPW	DPW Two Truck Replacements	124,000	124,000		
400	DPW	Vactor Utilities Truck (1/3 share @ Gen Fund)	164,000	164,000		
400	DPW	DPW Van Replacement	40,000	40,000		
400	DPW	Town Hall/Annex/Central Fire/Ambulance Doors & Window Replacement/Refurbishment	450,000		450,000	
610	Library	Library Security Upgrades - Phase 1	33,000	33,000		
TOTAL FY23 REQUESTS:			1,999,000	1,439,000	450,000	110,000

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. 6A

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for Capital Outlay Items for the Water Enterprise, sums of money as set forth in the schedule prepared by the Finance Committee, or any other sum or sums, a copy of which schedule is on file with the Town Clerk and incorporated herein by reference, and to determine whether such sums will be raised by fees, taxation, transferred from available funds, provided by borrowing, or by any combination of the foregoing; or act on

anything relative thereto. *(Finance Committee) (Requires 2/3 vote if funded with borrowing or through stabilization)*

I move that the Town appropriate \$581,944 for the items printed on page 42 in the April 2, 2022 Town Meeting Voters' Booklet under Article 6A – Water Enterprise Fund, including all incidentals and related expenses, and to meet this appropriation, that the sum of \$317,944, as shown in column 3 marked “Free Cash” be transferred from Water Enterprise Free Cash, \$264,000 from borrowing (column 4); and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the DPW Commissioners to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects and purchases. (Requires 2/3 vote)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Capital Improvement Planning Committee Chair Ross Brackett moves Article 6A as indicated in the motion printed on page 41 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

ARTICLE 6A EXHIBIT - CAPITAL OUTLAY LIST						
Recommended for FY23 Budget						
WATER FUND						
		<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>	<i>Column 5</i>
Dept #	Department	FY23 Requests	FY23 Recommended	Free Cash	Debt	Transfers
60	Wtr Ent	Water Treatment Plant Security Upgrades	20,000	20,000		
60	Wtr Ent	Upgrade DAF PLC Supplemental Funding	25,000	25,000		
60	Wtr Ent	Vactor Utilities Truck (1/3 share @ Water Ent)	164,000	164,000		
60	Wtr Ent	Rapid Sand Filter Sedimentation Basin Repairs & Valve Upgrades	210,000		210,000	
60	Wtr Ent	DAF Rapid Mixer Motorized Drive Motors & Valves	54,000		54,000	
60	Wtr Ent	Water Treatment Master Capital	108,944	108,944		
TOTAL FY23 REQUESTS:			581,944	317,944	264,000	

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. 6B

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for Capital Outlay Items for the Sewer Enterprise, sums of money as set forth in the schedule prepared by the Finance Committee, or any other sum or sums, a copy of which schedule is on file with the Town Clerk and incorporated herein by

reference, and to determine whether such sums will be raised by fees, taxation, transferred from available funds, provided by borrowing, or by any combination of the foregoing; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Finance Committee) (Requires 2/3 vote if funded with borrowing or through stabilization)*

I move that the Town appropriate \$1,428,233 for the items printed on Page 43 of the April 2, 2022 Town Meeting Voters' Booklet under Article 6B – Sewer Enterprise Fund, including all incidental and related expenses, and to meet this appropriation, that the sum of \$428,233 as shown in column 3 marked “Free Cash” be transferred from Sewer Free Cash, \$1,00,000 from borrowing; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the DPW Commissioners to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects and purchases. *(Requires 2/3 vote)*

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Capital Improvement Planning Committee Chair Ross Brackett moves Article 6B as indicated in the motion printed on page 43 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this motion.

ARTICLE 6B EXHIBIT - CAPITAL OUTLAY LIST						
Recommended for FY23 Budget						
SEWER FUND						
		<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>	<i>Column 5</i>
Dept #	Department	FY23 Requests	FY23 Recommended	Free Cash	Debt	Transfers
65	Swr Ent	Wastewater Treatment Plant Security Upgrades	55,000	55,000		
65	Swr Ent	Vactor Utilities Truck (1/3 share @ Sewer Ent)	164,000	164,000		
65	Swr Ent	Marmion Way & Long Beach Pump Station Upgrades	50,000	50,000		
65	Swr Ent	Dock Square Pump Station Upgrade	87,000	87,000		
65	Swr Ent	Wastewater Master Capital Account	72,233	72,233		
65	Swr Ent	Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Elimination	1,000,000		1,000,000	
TOTAL FY23 REQUESTS:			1,428,233	428,233	1,000,000	

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street. Expressed that people should be paying more to hook up to the town sewer lines.

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was some discussion and the **motion carried unanimously.**

MODERATOR: announced the order of the lettered articles chosen at random by the town clerk, J, A, G, K and L.

ARTICLE. J (1)

To see if the Town will vote to refer the following to the Board of Selectmen and School Committee:

“Rockport Municipal Resolution for Net Zero Energy by 2040

Whereas, Rockport is experiencing the impacts of climate change today from flooding, drought, higher temperatures, and longer summers with increasing damage to our citizens’ wellbeing, and to our community’s coastal ecosystems and economy; and,

Whereas, the burning of fossil fuels is the primary cause of climate change; and,

Whereas, the Rockport municipal government is taking steps to reduce its carbon emissions, for example, by installing energy controls in schools, EV charging stations, and soon, LED streetlights, thereby reducing its climate vulnerability and increasing its climate resolve; and, Whereas, a Net Zero Energy goal will result in the use of cleaner energy, increasing energy efficiency and resiliency, and avoiding negative impacts associated with fossil fuel use. It will provide better local control and ownership of energy generation that reduces the town’s exposure to volatile fossil fuel energy prices; and,

Whereas, Rockport can obtain 100% of its energy from clean, non-carbon sources, including solar and wind energy with energy storage, reduced energy use through efficiency and conservation measures, and electrified space heating, water heating, and transportation.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Rockport Board of Selectmen and the Rockport School Committee in the County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts that the municipal government of Rockport commits to achieving Net Zero Energy no later than 2040, with the following interim goals: 50% by 2030, and 75% by 2035;

And, be it further resolved that the Town of Rockport will address the Net Zero Energy goal through an action and implementation plan via an integrated, transparent and inclusive process that encourages the participation of all community members and local businesses;

And, be it further resolved that the town’s Board of Selectmen will identify guidelines where investments and projects will incorporate electrification, energy conservation, and renewable energy installation;

And, be it further resolved that all municipal decisions, including land use and development planning, shall include the review of capital, operations, and maintenance costs/benefits of Net Zero options. This includes: energy sources and usage associated with climate change, sea level rise, more extreme weather events, and higher temperatures over the expected life-span of buildings and projects;

And, be it further resolved that the municipal government will establish and/or expand programs that support Rockport residents and businesses with efforts to increase energy efficiency and conservation and the use of renewable energy.” *(Non-Binding Citizen Petition)*
(Requires majority vote)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator lead petitioner Christine Downing moves Article J as indicated in the motion printed on page 107 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter’s booklet.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

Christine Downing, Rockport Climate Action Member. Presented the net zero resolution in relation to climate change.

Tom Mikus, the Green Community Task Force. Presented more information on net zero savings and timelines.

Don Campbell, Board of Selectmen, 5 King Street Court. In favor, but not in the form that it's written.

Bobby Gibb, High Street. Spoke about super insulation.

Jerry Sharfstein, 2A Twin Light Circle. In favor of net zero.

Peter Goodwin, 6 North Road. Asked what happened to the proposal for a wind turbine.

Diane Finch 215 Granite Street. In Favor.

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was some discussion and the **motion carried 214 in favor and 50 opposed.**

ARTICLE. A (2)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its officers, boards, departments, committees and commissions, as printed in the 2021 Annual Town Report or as otherwise submitted to Town Meeting; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Town Moderator) (Requires majority vote)*

I move that the Town accept the reports of its officers, boards, departments, committees and commissions, as printed in the 2021 Annual Town Report or as otherwise submitted to Town Meeting.

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Paul Murphy moves Article A as indicated in the motion printed on page 44 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter’s booklet Board of Selectmen support this motion.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. G (3)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Long Beach Options Committee, as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Voter's Booklet or as otherwise submitted to Town Meeting; or act on anything relative thereto. (Town Moderator) (Requires majority vote)

I move that the Town accept the report of the Long Beach Options Committee, as presented in the April 2, 2022 Voter's Booklet.

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Ross Brackett moves Article G as indicated in the motion printed on page 50 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen recommend acceptance, but take no stance on content at this time, Finance Committee supports the motion.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote to accept and hear the report.**

Ken Kaiser, 20 Jewett Street, Chair of the Long Beach Options Committee. Presented Article G.

Eric Hutchins, 45 Pools Lane. Emphasized that something needs to get done soon.

Celia Rankin, 3 Smith Road. Talked about article G.

Charlie Seavey, 18 Frank Street said we need more flexibility. In favor of option 1C.

Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street. Requested a timeline for decisions.

ARTICLE. K (4)

To see if the Town will vote to refer the following to the Board of Selectmen:

"Shall the Town of Rockport ask the Board of Selectmen to perform a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Mitigation Study for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to have the cottages removed from Long Beach's leased land due to rising sea levels and continual expenses to tax payers to repair or replace the seawall at an estimated cost of 32 million dollars. In place of the cottages have the lands used for an ecologically sustainable parking lot and walking paths for accessing our Public Long Beach by all Rockport taxpayers and residents." (Board of Selectmen/Previous Non-Binding Citizen Petition) (Requires majority vote)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Carol Cook moves Article K as indicated in the motion printed on page 108 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

Carol Cook, presented article K "let the Selectmen know that residents do not want long beach land sold, but save it for future generations"

John Penaloza, 46 Main Street. Spoke about the seawalls being eliminated.

Pat Brown, acting moderator: All those in favor of article k which is to ask the Board of Selectmen to perform a FEMA study on long beach leased land due to the rising sea level.

There was a voice vote that was undetermined so an electronic vote was done.

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was some discussion and the **motion carried 134 to 108.**

ARTICLE. L(4)

To see if the Town will hear, receive and act upon the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Town Water Supply appointed pursuant to the vote of the 1980 Annual Town Meeting under Warrant Article 16 and extended by votes of successive Annual Town Meetings and extend the term of the Committee; or act on anything relative thereto. (Town Moderator) (Requires majority vote)

I move that the Town hear, receive and act upon the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Town Water Supply appointed pursuant to the vote of the 1980 Annual Town Meeting under Warrant Article 16 and extended by votes of successive Annual Town Meetings through and including the 2021 Annual Town Meeting and extend the term of the Committee.

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Laura Evans moves Article L as indicated in the motion printed on page 110 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen support this article.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

Ashley Desrosiers Secretary of The Ad Hoc Water Committee stood in for Laura Evans and presented Article L.

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. H (6)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act in the form set for below, authorizing an amendment to the By-Laws of the Town of Rockport, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and, provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

Amend Chapter 3, Section 4. Part a. Composition: Term of Office by adding at the end:

“A person shall serve on the Board of Selectmen no more than a lifetime total of nine (9) years. Upon enactment, any person who may be affected by this limit may serve out their current term.”

This amendment shall become effective upon enactment by the General Court. (*Non-Binding Citizen Petition*) (*Requires majority vote*)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator William Wagner moves Article H as indicated in the motion printed on page 105 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen does not support this motion and the Government By-Law Committee reports favorably as to form, but takes no opinion on the merits.

Bill Wagner, 147 Granite Street. Presented Article H.

Charlie Seavey, 18 Frank Street, Member of the Government and Bylaw Committee. Not in favor.

Denise Donnelly, 72 Pigeon Hill Street. Opposed.

Zenas Seppala, 92 Granite Street. In favor.

Jonathan Ring, 9 Polls Lane. In favor.

Paul Seabee, 11 Marion way. Opposed.

Ed Hand Landmark Lane. Opposed.

Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street. Opposed.

Francis Fleming, 12 Pleasant Street. In Favor

Joseph Muzio, 7 Norman Stone Drive. Opposed.

Don Campbell Board of Selectmen. Opposed.

Emily Hayes, 166 main street. Asked to move the question.

Paul Murphy, spoke.

Laurie McKenna, 31 high street. Moved to amend the article.

Zenas Seppala, 92 Granite Street. Spoke.

Emily Hayes, 166 main street. Asked to move the question.

Moderator: a 2/3 vote was taken to move the question that passed.

The Amendment was voted on and it failed.

Sarah Wilkinson from the board of selectmen spoke against term limits.

Cindy Sharfstein, 2A Twin Light. Opposed to a term limit.

Charmaine Blanchard, 16 1/2 King Street. Millbrook Meadow Committee. In Favor.

Sarah Clark, Millbrook Park. Opposed.

Laura Hallowell, 37 High Street. Moved to call the question.

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was much discussion and the **motion failed 67 in favor 143 opposed.**

ARTICLE. I (7)

To see if the Town will vote to refer the following to the Board of Selectmen:

“This legislative vote of the Town meeting authorizes the BOS to petition the General Court of the MA legislature for an exemption to Chapter 111, 8C under Home Rule law in order to establish a town regulation that bans the addition of any fluoridation products to municipal water supplies in order to protect the environment from the cumulative effects of waste water, as well as the health of residents with reason to avoid fluoridation chemicals.” *(Non-Binding Citizen Petition) (Requires majority vote)*

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Lead Petitioner Alan McMillan moves Article I as indicated in the motion printed on page 106 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter’s booklet Board of Selectmen does not support this motion and the Government By-Law Committee reports favorably as to form, but provides no opinion on the merits.

Charlie Seavey presented Article I.

Ron Newman, 9B Tarrs Lane West, chair of the board of health. Opposed.

Herm Lilja, Board of Selectmen. Presented from a scientific position.

Jonathan Ring, 9 Pools Lane. In favor.

The question was moved and it passed 163 to 11.

ACTION: There was some discussion and the **motion failed 63 to 119.**

Moderator call the order for the final articles as C, D, E, B, And F.

ARTICLE. C (8)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds, including Free Cash, the following sums, or any other sum, as a grant to the following charitable organizations

Action, Inc.	\$4,000
HAWC	\$3,000
Senior care	\$3,100
Open Door	\$5,000

; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Board of Selectmen) (Requires majority vote)*

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Selectman Paul Murphy moves Article C as indicated in the motion printed on page 45 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee support this motion.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. D (9)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, including Free Cash, the following sum of money to the following Stabilization Funds and Trusts to pay for future expenditures:

General Stabilization Fund	\$100,000
SPED Stabilization Fund	\$250,000
Capital Reserve Stabilization Fund	\$175,000
OPEB Trust Fund	\$100,000
Conservation Trust Fund	\$450

; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Board of Selectmen) (Requires majority vote)*

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Selectman Chair Don Campbell moves Article D as indicated in the motion printed on page 46 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee support this motion.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. E (10)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, including Free Cash, a sum of money for Assessor Revaluation Expenses; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Board of Selectmen) (Requires majority vote)*

I move that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$75,000 for Assessor Revaluation expenses.

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Board of Assessors Chair Tim Good moves Article E as indicated in the motion printed on page 46 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee support this motion.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. B (11)

To see if the Town will vote to expend a sum of money allocated to the Town under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 90 or otherwise, so-called “Chapter 90 monies”; or act on anything relative thereto. (Department of Public Works) (Requires majority vote)

I move that the Town expend the sum of \$183,402 or such other sum as is made available to the Town under the provisions of Mass General Laws Ch. 90.

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator DPW Commissioners Chair Jim Gardner moves Article B as indicated in the motion printed on page 44 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter’s booklet.

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the **motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE. F (12)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to supplement the funds approved by the vote on Article H of the September 9, 2019 Town Meeting warrant, to design, construct, and equip a new Department of Public Works Facility at 2 DPW Way off Upper Main Street, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, and if funds are borrowed for such purposes, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum under General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7 or any enabling authority; provided, however, that if borrowing is authorized, the appropriation authorized under this article shall be contingent upon voters’ approval of so-called Proposition 2½ debt exclusion, as provided in G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C(k); or act on anything relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen) (Requires 2/3 vote)

I move that the Town appropriates the sum of \$5,000,000, to supplement the funds approved by the vote on Article H of the September 9, 2019 Town Meeting warrant, to design, construct, and equip a new Department of Public Works Facility at 2 DPW Way off Upper Main Street, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7 or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes therefor; provided, however, that no amounts shall be borrowed or expended pursuant to this vote unless the voters of the Town shall have approved a so-called Proposition 2½ debt exclusion, as provided in G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C(k) relating to the repayment of any amounts borrowed pursuant to this vote. (Requires 2/3 vote)

MOTION: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHEL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator Selectmen Chair Don Campbell moves Article F as indicated in the motion printed on page 47 of the April 2nd, 2022 voter's booklet. Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee support this motion.

TOWN CLERK: seconded

MODERATOR: moved and seconded

Bruce Reed, Building Committee Chairman Member of the DPW Commissioners. Presented Article F. Steve Drillis, DPW mechanic. Described the unacceptable conditions of the current building.

Don Campbell, Board Of Selectmen. In favor.

Charmaine Blanchard, 16 1/2 King Street. In favor.

Monica Lawton, 11 Story Street, DPW Facility Committee Member. In favor.

Bruce Reed talked about the option of solar panels

Sarah Wilkinson, Board of Selectmen. Encouraged people to get information out before it's voted on.

ACTION: The motion was seconded, there was some discussion and the **motion carried 162 to 15 by electronic vote.**

Paul Murphy, Thanked Don Campbell for his service as a Board of Selectmen member.

The 2022 Annual Town Meeting dissolved at pm 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kourtney A. Buchanan

Assistant Town Clerk